

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 425
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A RESOLUTION to urge the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds to adequately provide for the immunization of children two (2) years of age and younger against communicable diseases.

WHEREAS, this is a time when protection from communicable disease is at the forefront of the minds of many Americans; and

WHEREAS, assuring the health of our youngest generation lies in the best interests of all citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the immunization of children two (2) years of age and younger against disease is one of the strongest means of preventing the spread of Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B, Hepatitis, Varicella, Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis; and

WHEREAS, over 55% of the vaccines given to children at the present time are made available through public funds; however, shortages of available vaccines throughout the past two (2) years have mandated the restriction of booster shots for the prevention of Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis; and

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WHEREAS, a steady and reliable supply of vaccines is critical in maintaining the public health and in combating communicable diseases; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges the United States Congress to appropriate the necessary funds to provide for the building of a six-month supply of vaccines, thus ensuring the availability of vaccinations for children under the age of two (2) against any future shortages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States of America; the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate; the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives; and to each member of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.